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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Response to Amendment

1. The reply filed on July 14, 2003 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): The claim amendments are not in acceptable format. Claim 23 ends in a semi-colon rather than the required period. In addition, it appears that applicant has forgotten to include some text based upon their arguments. Finally, the examiner notes that while applicant states that the new language provided in the newly submitted amended independent claims has support on page 14 lines 20-25, however the examiner finds no explicit language stating this. The examiner requests applicant to specifically demonstrate support for this language and explain what it means, and how it defines over the prior art applied in the last office action dated 5-27-03. See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. **EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).**

2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Mark W Bockelman whose telephone number is (703)-308-2112. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday 9:30-6:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Angela Sykes can be reached on (703) 308-5181. The fax phone numbers

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Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703)-308-0858.

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